

Get the Facts!

Status of Women in the State of Indiana

GENERAL POPULATION STATISTICS

- ✓ According to Census 2000 data, women make up 51% of Indiana's population. 3,098,011 women and 2,982,474 men live in Indiana with a total state population of 6,080,485. (www.census.gov)

EDUCATION

- ✓ The high school graduation rate for women age 25 and over, 84.4%, exceeded that of men, 83.8%, in 2002. This is the first statistical difference between the sexes since 1989. (*Educational Attainment in the United States: March 2001 and March 2002*, www.census.gov)
- ✓ 84.7% of Hoosier women, 25 and older, held a high school diploma in 2002, up 2% from 1998. (www.census.gov)
- ✓ In 2002, 21.1% of women in Indiana completed four or more years of college, up 4.2% from 1998. However, this lags the national average of 25.1%. (www.census.gov)

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

- ✓ 26 out of 150 members of the Indiana General Assembly, or 17.3%, are women. (www.in.gov/sic/officials)
- ✓ 0 out of 2 U.S. Senators from Indiana are women. (www.in.gov/sic/officials)
- ✓ 1 out of 10 U.S. Representatives from Indiana are women. (www.in.gov/sic/officials)
- ✓ 2 out of 8 Indiana State Executive Offices are women. (www.in.gov/sic/officials)
- ✓ In 2000, 65.6% of the women in the United States were registered to vote, compared to 62.2% of the men. 56.2% of the female and 53.1% of the male U.S. populations voted in the 2000 General Election. (*Reported Voting and Registration, by Race, Hispanic Origin, Sex and Age, for the United States: November 2000*, www.census.gov)
- ✓ In Indiana, 70.9% of women and 66% of men were registered to vote; 60.6% of women and 56.4% of men voted in Indiana's 2000 General Election. (*Reported Voting and Registration of the Total Voting-Age Population, by Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: November 2000*, www.census.gov)

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

- ✓ In 2001, women in the United States earned \$.76 for every \$1.00 earned by their male counterparts. This is an all-time high. (*Women and Men in the United States in 2002: A Comparison*, www.census.gov)
- ✓ In 2001, 12.9% of women in the United States were living in poverty. (www.census.gov)
- ✓ Full-time, year round female workers in Indiana earned an average of \$25,252 versus the average male salary of \$37,055 in 2000. (factfinder.census.gov) The United States per capita median salary of women was \$27,194 while men earned \$37,057 on average in 2000. (censtats.census.gov/data/US/01000.pdf)

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MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

- ✓ In 2000, 14.8% of women in the United States lived alone. (U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March Supplements: 1970 to 2000, www.census.gov)
- ✓ Single mother families increased from 3 million in 1970 (3% of all families) to 10 million in 2000 (26% of all families). (U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March Supplements: 1970 to 2000, www.census.gov)
- ✓ 3,305,000 single-mother families lived below poverty in 2000, roughly 33% of the total single-mother families. (U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, March Supplements: 1970 to 2000, www.census.gov)

HEALTH AND WELFARE

- ✓ In 2000, the average life expectancy for women was 79.7 years compared to 74.4 years for men. (www.cdc.gov/nchs/releases/03news/lifeex.htm)
- ✓ In 2001, 19,485,000 women in the United States were not covered by health insurance. (ferret.bls.census.gov/macro/032002/health/h01_001.htm)
- ✓ 640,000 Hoosier women were not covered by health insurance in 2000. (Persons under 65 years of age without health care coverage by State: United States, selected years 1987-2000, www.census.gov)
- ✓ According to a 2000 Center for Disease Control survey, the leading cause of death among women is heart disease. (Leading causes of death and numbers of deaths, according to sex, race, and Hispanic origin: United States, 1980 and 2000, www.cdc.gov)
- ✓ In 2003, an estimated 4700 Hoosier women will be diagnosed with breast cancer (at 15% of all new cancer cases, it's estimated to be the most frequently diagnosed cancer amongst male AND female Hoosiers!) and another 900 women will die from the disease. (*American Cancer Society: 2003 Cancer Facts and Figures*)

CRIME AND VIOLENCE

- ✓ In 2000, there were 1759 reported cases of forcible rape in Indiana. This is up from the previous year's 1607 cases. (*Bureau of Justice Statistics, www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs*)
- ✓ Women are more likely to be violently victimized by a friend, an acquaintance, or an intimate. Women age 16-24 experienced the highest per capita rates of intimate violence. (*Bureau of Justice Statistics: Crime Characteristics, www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/cvict_c.htm*)
- ✓ In 2001, there were 41 deaths due to domestic violence in Indiana. (*Indiana Resource and Training Institute on Violence Against Women*)
- ✓ Emergency shelters in Indiana served 3,713 victims of domestic violence in 2001. 1,744 victims were denied service. (*Indiana Resource and Training Institute on Violence Against Women*)
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